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The Secretary-General has received the following statement, which is being circulated in accordance with paragraphs 30 and 31 of Economic and Social Council resolution 1996/31.

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Statement

The ATHGO *International* student participants in "Architects of the Future: Young Diplomats and the Millennium Development Goals" adopt the following resolutions on 28 April 2005:

Recognizing the inherent dignity and equal and inalienable rights of all members of the human family as the foundation of freedom, justice, and peace in the world,

Recalling the basic human rights outlined in the *UN Charter*,

Invoking the spirit of multilateralism and solidarity of all Member States of the UN in promoting the achievement of the MDGs,

Recognizing and affirming that the realization of all human rights and freedoms are indispensable to the promotion of sustainable development and democracy,

Determined to take new steps forward with the commitment of the international community to achieve the MDGs by 2015:

1. Urges all states which have made the commitment to contribute 0.7 percent of their GDP in ODA, to realize their promises without delay;

2. Calls upon all states to encourage youth awareness of the MDGs and promote volunteering programs in developing countries as a testament to the success of grassroots campaigns;

3. Urges states to ensure equal access to all media outlets and to promote media diversity which is essential to public awareness of the MDGs and global issues;

4. Recommends that states issue reports on a district to district basis within states to fully monitor implementation of initiatives geared toward MDG success and their outcomes in recognizing that national totals regarding the success and implementation of the MDGs may not be useful when given each year by countries who experience such a wide disparity of economic and social conditions;

5. Encourages states to engage social, local, and cultural groups in order to address cultural sensitivities and traditions that may impact the implementation of goal initiatives by state, NGO and other civil society organizations;

6. Recommends that states develop a system of Social Marketing Recognition as a means of monitoring the distribution of donated goods to the people ensuring that they are clearly labeled as donated goods in order to prevent states and local governments from reselling these goods on the market;

7. Calls for further action of member states to engage states that are unwilling or unable to accept NGO assistance and presence within their borders in order to account for the millions of internally displaced persons and refugees who are currently beyond the reach of any foreign assistance;

8. Urges states to direct state and local aid to UN programs and NGOs that may be directly accountable for the distribution and monitoring of aid and program activities within partner states, which in turn ensures legitimacy and transparency of monetary and other forms of aid;

9. Recommends the implementation of reassessment timelines for all states in an effort to monitor the visible success of MDG initiatives within each state and allow for continuous reevaluation of state and NGO approaches toward achieving MDGs;

10. Urges states to keep MDGs and all related issues at the forefront of state agendas;

11. Encourages states to increase initiatives for personal and cultural exchanges.